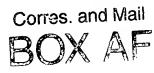
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In re Application of:)	
WILLIAM MUTILANGI ET AL.		:	Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin
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Application No.: 09/458,677)	
Filed: December 10, 1999)	
For:	USE OF METAL SALTS TO	;	
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal along with a Petition for Extension of Time on February 13, 2004. Please consider the following remarks.